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**Re: Preliminary Amendments for National Phase for PCT/AU2004/001026**

Dear Commissioner for Patents,

After receiving the IPER (17<sup>th</sup> February, 2005), I would like to enter the national phase for PCT/AU2004/001026. I would also like to make some additional amendments to the application. The reason for the amendments is to correct some minor mistakes and to describe another embodiment of the invention where it is combined to the side of a stapler remover.

The description is amended as follows:

On page 3, line 37, insert "FIG. 22 shows another embodiment of the invention combined to the side of a stapler device."

On page 5, line 23, delete "and FIG. 7".

On page 6, line 5, delete "and FIG. 9".

On page 7, line 10, delete "FIG. 11 to FIG. 15" and replace with "FIG. 11, FIG. 13, and FIG. 15 shows the"

On page 7, line 33, insert after "FIG. 17" the words "and FIG. 18".

On page 7a, line 20, insert "The use of the flange in the tongue and the notches in the teeth is not limited to this embodiment of the invention, but may be present in any embodiment of the invention."

Insert page 7b which describes another embodiment of the invention where it is combined to the side of a stapler remover.

The claims are amended as follows:

Claim 20 modified, specifically on page 10, line 10, replace "chambered lever member that houses" with "lever member pivotally connected to".

Claim 29 modified, specifically on page 11, line 35, replace "stapler driving lever" with "staple driving lever"

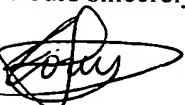
New claims 37, 38, and 39 added to page 13 and a new page 13a.

The drawings are amended as follows:

Added FIG. 22 in a new drawing sheet 13.

I have enclosed replacement pages 3, 5, 6, 7, 7a, 7b, 10, 11, 13, 13a and drawing sheet 13 with the amended changes.

Yours sincerely,



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